

independent claim 37, or (iii) a session manager communicatively linked with the interconnection system, wherein the logic is located, at least in part, in the session manager, and wherein the session manager provides at least a portion of the logic to the interconnection system in response to the attempted inter-node communication, as recited in independent claim 38.

Because the combination of Wiegel and the Official Notice do not disclose or suggest each and every element of claims 1, 13, 37, and 38, a prima facie case of obviousness does not exist for claims 1, 13, 37, and 38. Further, because claims 5-7, 9-11, 27-30, 33, 35, 42, and 44-45, depend from either of claims 1, 13, or 37, claims 5-7, 9-11, 27-30, 33, 35, 42, and 44-45 are allowable for at least the reason that each of these claims depend from an allowable claim.

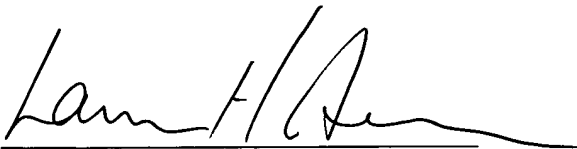
7. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1-21, 24, 26-28, 30-38 and 42-49 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the pending claims.

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